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(SBU) Ministry of Industry and Trade Secretary General Montaser Oklah advised EconCouns May 7 that Jordan would support the candidacies of Yo Takagi (Japan) and Jose Graca Aranha (Brazil) for election as Director General of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO). Instructions have been conveyed to the Jordanian Ambassador in Geneva who is scheduled to attend the WIPO Coordination Committee meeting. EconCouns shared with Oklah the five candidates the U.S. considers to be uniquely qualified to lead WIPO, and Oklah promised to consider them should the Japanese or Brazilian candidate fail to advance through the successive rounds of voting. Oklah commented that the GOJ has received numerous demarches on the WIPO election, and believes Aranha to be the current front-runner.

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